from New Jalpaiguri to Delhi has been received by Government ; and

(b) if so, what decision Government have taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Arrears of freight charges

3672. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the amounts of arrears due from private parties as freight charges, wharfage, demurrage charged, expenditure for building railways, the sidings and other structures and annual charges therefor during the last three years, year-wise ;

(b) the amount waived off during the above period year-wise and the reasons therfor ;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to recover these arrears and penalise the defaulters; and

(d) whether these deaulters are still being provided with these services and facilities without realising full charges ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Represetation from Khokha Union, Railway Premises, Mansa in Pumjab

3673. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether Minister has received a representation dated 9th March, 1992 from President of Khokha Union, Railway Premises, Mansa, Bhatinda District, Puniab seeking protection against ecviction of their members who are doing shoe-making business and earning their livelihood since long ;

(b) whether Government are taking steps to provide them alternate sites so that these Poor people are no uprooted ; and

(c) whether these poor people would be allowed at the present sites on humanitarian grounds ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARAJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The responsibility for rehabilitation of the affected people, if considered necessary on humanitarian grounds, rests with the State Government.

Pay Scale of Commercial Couriers in Western Railway

3674. SHRI RAMCHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a cadre known as Commercial Couriers in Western Railway have been provided with higher pay scale of Rs. 260-430 ;

(b) if so, the reasons for not extending the same to similar cadre in the North-Eastern Frontier Railway ;

(c) whether higher pay scale is granted to such cadre in North-Eastern Railway also ; and

(d) whether Government propose to consider granting higher pay scale to commerciale ouriers of N.F. Railway also ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Appointment of Physiotherapist for Divisional Railway Hospitals

3675. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer the answer to Unstarred Question 9 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th November , 1991 and state :

(a) the progress made so far in the selection and appointment of a Physiotherapist for the Divisional Railway Hospitals on the Northern Railway like the one at Moradabad ; and

(b) by when the post of Physiotherapist in the Moradabad Railway Hospital is likely to be filled ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Allotment of stalls on platforms

3676. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of court orders/ stay orders in respect of allotment of tea stall/other stalls on platforms under Western Railway and Central Suburban Railway during 1990-91 and 1991-92 ;

(b) whether it is a fact that despite the court orders/stay orders being in operation, orders for allotment of tea stall/other stalls on Western & Central Suburban Railwas were issued by competent authorities ;

(c) whether allotment orders for these stalls were issued before the court orders/stay orders were vacated ;

(d) if so, the authorities responsible therefor and what are the names of the persons who were allotted these stalls ; and

(e) whether before these allotment orders were issued, the allotment orders for tea stalls dated 25th Feb., 1991 and 5th March, 91 issued by the former Prime Minister and Former Railway Minister in favour of handicapped and unemployed youths were also taken into consideration ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No such court order/stay order was given during 1990-91 and 1991-92.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) The representations referred to were for allotment of stalls at Dadar Station. These representations were duly examined and requests were not agreed to.

संसद सदस्यों से प्राप्त हुए पत्र

3677. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले छः महीनों के दौरान उन्हें संसद सदस्यों से कितने पत्र/अभ्यावेदन/ज्ञापन प्राप्त हुए हैं;

(ख) कितने मामलों में पन्द्रह दिनों के अन्दर पावती भेज दी गई थी तथा कितने मामलों में अन्तिम उत्तर अभी तक नहीं भेजा गया है; और

(ग) पन्द्रह दिनों के अन्दर पावती और तीन महीनों के अन्दर अन्तिम उत्तर न भेजने के क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) 7,588।

(ख) 1,955 पत्रों की पावती दी